

Hawaii Marine



Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman | Hawaii Marine

A Marine mourns the loss of Lance Cpl. Levy Rivera during a memorial service at the Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel, July 11.

MAG-24 mourns the loss of Marine

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Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines, sailors and civilians of Marine Aircraft Group 24 and Marine Wing Support Detachment 24, along with family, attended a memorial service at the Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel for Lance Cpl. Levy Rivera, July 11.

The 24-year-old native of Chicago was struck by a vehicle while attempting to cross Pali Highway and later died of his wounds. Rivera was the dispatcher for MWSD-24, MAG-24, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

Rivera joined the U.S. Marine Corps on Aug. 8, 2011. He attended the Motor Vehicle Operations Course in Fort Leonardwood, Mo. He was in the Marine Corps for a little under 2 years.

“Ever since day one, I could count on him,” said Lance Cpl. Yeriel Alicea, a motor vehicle operator, Marine Wing Support Detachment. “He became one of the hardest workers at the shop. It made me look up to him. He always had time to help everyone. He always told jokes and made people laugh. To his parents thank you for him. It was a gift to know you and a privilege to be your friend. We’ll all be together again someday.”

Some of Rivera’s fellow Marines spoke at the ceremony, remembering him as an overachiever and hard worker. He made an impression on his peers and always put them before himself. Rivera may have only been a Marine for just under two years, but that didn’t lessen the impact he had on the Marines who knew him.

The Marines around him said Rivera was the jokester of the bunch. Always tried to make people laugh. They say he had a nickname for everyone in the shop.

“I joined not knowing that I’d meet him, not knowing I’d be his roommate and he’d be my best friend,” said Lance Cpl. Eddie Orozco Jr., a motor vehicle operator, Marine Wing Support Detachment. “He’s been there through my hardest times and best times. I feel like I lost a brother.”



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Incoming commanding officer Col. Timothy Winand (left), receives the 3rd Marine Regiment’s colors from outgoing commanding officer Col. Nathan Nastase, symbolizing the exchange of command during 3rd Marine Regiment’s change of command ceremony, Wednesday.

3rd Marine Regiment welcomes new leader

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Col. Timothy E Winand received command of 3rd Marine Regiment from Col. Nathan I. Nastase during a change of command ceremony at Dewey Square July 17.

“I served with Col. Nastase and Col. Winand, both have done phenomenal jobs through out their careers,” said Brig. Gen.

Simcock, deputy commander for U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific and San Mateo, Calif. native. “Col. Nastase has done a lot of good for 3rd Marines. He started the unit deployment program and rotation in Australia, the list goes on and on.”

Nastase has commanded 3rd Marines at both the battalion and regimental level. He assumed command of 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, in July 2007

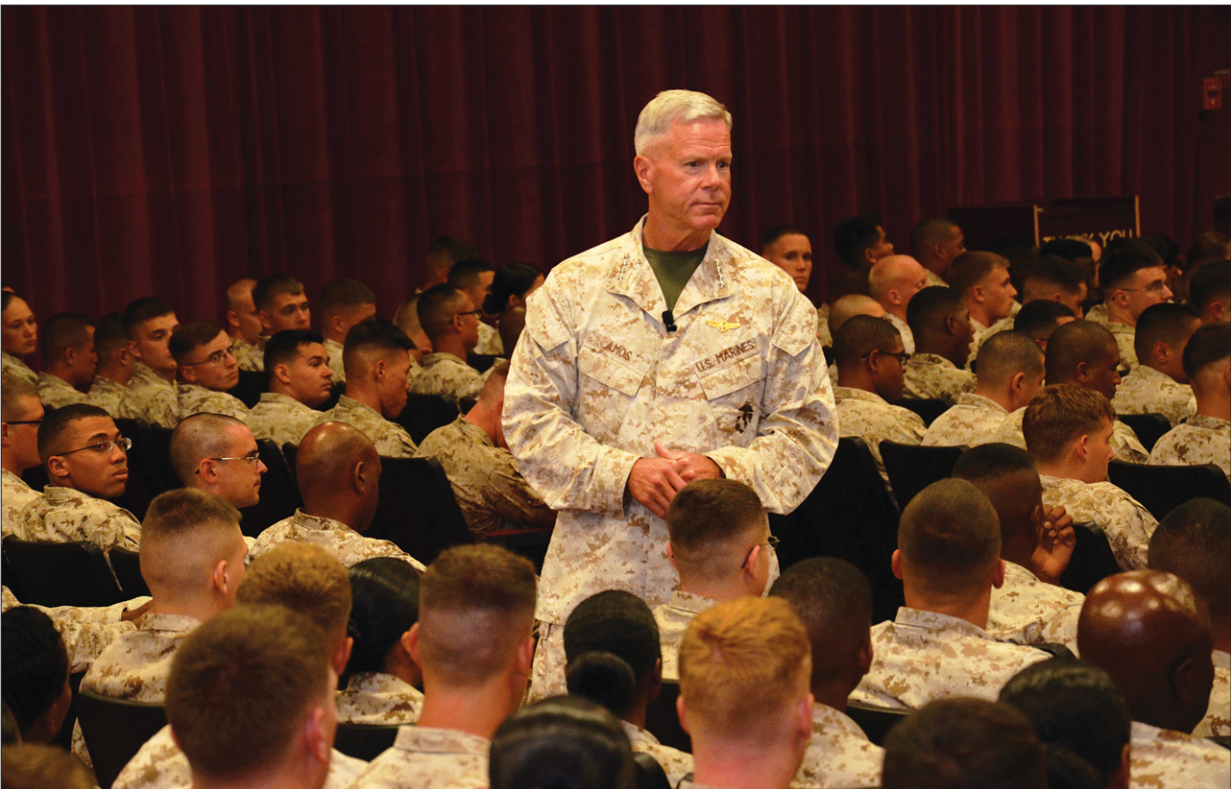
and relinquished that command in June 2008, only to return three years later as the commander of 3rd Marines.

“Col. Winand and I have crossed paths many times throughout our careers,” Nastase said. “I couldn’t think of a better guy to take over 3rd Marines in my place.”

Nastase will be staying in Hawaii as the MarForPacG-5 assistant chief

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CMC spreads word to MCB Hawaii



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Gen. James F. Amos, Commandant of the Marine Corps, addresses Marines at the base theater, Monday. Amos and Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, both visited Marine Corps Base Hawaii to discuss issues circulating within the Marine Corps.

Cpl. Sarah Dietz

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The rumors are true. Members of Congress are debating a bill which will force all the branches of the U.S. Armed Forces wear the same utility uniform.

During his visit, Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James F. Amos announced that he will fight for the Marine Corps to keep the Marine pattern uniform.

“We are on it like a hobo on a ham sandwich,” Amos said. “I love the hell out of this uniform and I don’t have any intention of changing it.”

The reason for the debate is due to the excessive expenses the military branches have exhausted researching and developing their utility uniforms in the last 10 years, according to Amos.

The uniform topic arose when Amos and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Micheal P. Barrett visited Marine Corps Base Hawaii Monday, but was not the sole purpose of their appearance.

The purpose of the stay was for the most senior Marine Corps leaders to personally update Hawaii Marines on the war in Afghanistan, what is happening in Washington D.C., and to address issues circulating within the Marine Corps.

During their trip, Amos and Barrett held two sessions at the base theater, which was packed with Marines from across the base.

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Make a splash!
Base residents beat the heat with water activities at Riseley Field, **B-1**



Up the bay with a paddle
MCB Hawaii co-hosts canoe regatta in Kaneohe Bay, **C-1**



NEWS BRIEFS

Wash-n-Go Car Wash will be renovated

The Wash-n-Go Car Wash located in building 6648 will be closed temporarily through July 31 due to renovations. During the closure, the manual car wash in building 98 will remain open. For more information, call 254-2775.

Base theater adds new showtimes

By popular demand, the base theater has added new showtimes, effective Sept. 6. The new showtimes include Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 6:30 and 9:15 p.m., and Sunday at 2 and 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the base theater at 254-7642.

Saturday urgent care walk-in clinic closes

Naval Health Clinic Hawaii will no longer offer its Saturday urgent care walk-in clinic at Branch Health Clinic Makalapa. All clinic operations will be closed to include pharmacy, lab and central appointments as a result of sequestration.

Beneficiaries can speak to a health care provider after hours by calling the “Provider After-Hours Advice Line” at 473-0247, ext. 3. For emergencies, dial 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center. For active duty dental emergencies, call 864-4705.

‘The Green’ to perform free concert

‘The Green’ will perform live on the green at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, July 26 at 7:30 p.m during the Klipper Summer Bash. This free concert also features a performance by the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Beach and lawn chairs welcome. No coolers or outside food and beverages. For more information, visit <http://www.mccshawaii.com/summerbash> or call 254-2107.

Environmental department to close Fridays

If furloughs are implemented as currently planned, the Environmental Compliance and Protection Department offices will close once a week, Fridays. The closures are scheduled for up to 11 days through Sept. 20.

Office closures will affect the environmental staff in buildings 1359 and 1360 and the base recycling center at building 132. The Hazardous Material Minimization Center, Reuse Room (building 6407) and the Base Hazardous Waste Accumulation Site (building 6409) are not affected by the furlough and will remain open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For inquiries, contact Capt. Derek George at 257-5640 or derek.george@usmc.mil.

EFMP to host coffee hour

Join other families and the Exceptional Family Member Program staff for the EMFP’s Coffee Hour scheduled for Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at Starbucks. For more information, call 257-0290.

Change of Combat Camera hours of operation

Effective Aug. 1, Combat Camera will adjust its photographic studio hours due to the significant increase in personnel requesting command and promotion photographs on Fridays because of the mandated Uniform of the Day.

Walk-ins are available from Monday through Wednesday 8 to 11 a.m. Combat Camera will be closed Thursdays and will take appointments on Fridays. To make appointments call 257-1365. Operational hours for other Combat Camera sections or classroom support are not affected. For inquiries, call 257-1364 or 257-1394

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Students of the Pacific Aviation Museum’s Advanced Flight School for Girls exit a C20G aircraft after touring it during the school’s visit to Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, July 10. The school is a three-day camp designed to teach girls about the aviation field.

Females in flight: All-girls flight school visits MCAS

Cpl. Sarah Dietz

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The Pacific Aviation Museum’s Advanced Flight School for Girls visited Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, July 10, to learn about the aviation field.

The group of middle school girls learned the ins and outs of the field, including safety with Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting personnel, a visit to the control tower with Air Traffic Control, flying simulators and touring actual aircraft on the MCAS flightline.

The girls previously attended the museum’s Basic Flight School for girls, a three-day program which is set in a classroom. The program grew so popular; the museum added the advanced school for the students interested in learning more about the field.

The AFS is a three-day camp, where the girls slept on the USS Missouri in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and was an opportunity for girls to not only learn about aviation, but also the military.

“The purpose was to expose the girls to all things aviation. These girls came to this school because they wanted to do something more,” said Shauna Tonkin, director of education at the museum. “Its close to my heart to introduce this broad field of aviation. It incorporates history, science and math.”

Anna Wood, 12-year-old attendee, was introduced

to aviation at the school. Flying became a passion for her.

“I fly gliders now, I’m working on getting my gliders license at 14,” Wood said. “I want to be in the military and fly, I want to be a pilot.”

Women comprise a minority in military aviation. The school is intended to introduce flying to the young girls as a career path, and to break the presumption it is a man’s field of work.

“I want them to see its not about gender, it’s about ability. I’m the only female in my crew and I can do any job my male counterparts can do. I love it,” said Sgt. Mary Shloss, loadmaster for the C-20 Gulfstream, MCAS. “Females are the minority; it’s a good way for us to show that strong image to them. It’s kind of the reason why I’m doing what I do; I can be a stronger image for other female Marines.”

“Aviation is out there for them too,” said Tracy Kinney, volunteer chaperone with the program. “There’s a perception it’s a male’s field, it’s not.”

Aviation was introduced to the girls in a hands-on format to allow them to understand the challenges and benefits to the occupation.

“They get to see it in action, they can picture themselves in (aviation) instead of hearing someone talk about it,” Kinney said. “The fact that they aren’t shy and can go out and do this is awesome. It’s a cool way to share history and flight.”

‘Island Warriors,’ family members remove excess foliage at local park

Kristen Wong

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

KANEOHE, Hawaii — Heeia State Park resounded with the buzz of chainsaws and weed-whackers as the “Island Warriors” of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment and family members spent Saturday engaged in community service.

While the majority of the unit is currently training in Exercise Lava Viper on the Island of Hawaii, the members of the unit’s Remain Behind Element and “Island Warrior” family members joined local volunteers and Kamaaina Kids staff

members in clearing the park’s overgrown vegetation.

When Kamaaina Kids, a non-profit organization, first took over management of Heeia State Park three years ago, the 18-acre land was overwhelmed with growth. The volunteers and staff have spent the last few years working on this large project.

Raymond Sanborn, the president of Kamaaina Kids, stressed that every volunteer day is crucial to the progress of this clearing effort. He said that dedicated volunteers can “capture an acre or two” at a time.



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Lance Cpl. A.J. Gagliardo, a rifleman with Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, removes excess foliage at Heeia State Park, Saturday.

For about six hours, the volunteers used weed-whackers, machetes, rakes and other equipment to remove small trees, branches, piles of grass and even an old concrete slab. They also took a break in the middle of the day to have a volunteer lunch, including ribs, rice and pineapples.

Heeia State Park manager Jolie Moniz said while several volunteers left after lunch, the Marines stayed, asking for more work.

“Their eagerness to work was fantastic,” Moniz said.

“It’s really great to give back to the community,” said Staff Sgt. Sergio Hernandez, staff noncommissioned officer in charge, RBE, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines. “We’re always busy on base working or (going on) deployments, and Oahu is so beautiful, it’s good to get out in the community and help out.”

Hernandez said the volunteer opportunity request was sent to the unit, and he offered to lead the group. He expressed an interest in further volunteer opportunities in the future.

He added that volunteer opportunities like this encourage Marines to take time out of their daily routine and get out of the barracks to help the community. He added that the Kamaaina Kids staff “is very friendly and awesome to work with.”

“It’s really thick vegetation,” said Sgt. Isreal Eschete, platoon sergeant, RBE, 2nd Bn., 3rd Marines. “Just to go a couple feet takes a long time without help. It’s a good turnout of Marines and civilians. Progress so far has been outstanding and consistent.”

Eschete came to Heeia State Park to volunteer, clearing grass with a weed-whacker. Although this was the first volunteer day with Kamaaina Kids, the Lapeer, Mich., native also volunteers with the USO. He said that volunteering was a good way to show appreciation to the civilians for their support of the military.

“We’re very blessed to have them here,” Moniz said. “I don’t think we would have gotten this far so fast without them.”

AROUND THE CORPS

Warlords protect B.L.S., conduct three operations

Cpl. Lia Adkins
Regional Command Southwest

HELMAND PROVINCE, Afghanistan — With fighting season well underway and in preparation for Ramadan, the Warlords of Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, were in a high operations tempo to counter a possible increase in insurgent activity.

The unit, whose mission is to protect Camps Bastion, Leatherneck and Shorabak, recently conducted three consecutive operations to disrupt enemy activity in Helmand province — Operations Kodiak VI, Grizzly II and Dragon’s Teeth.

The ongoing operations entail intelligence-driven missions, clearing missions or a mixture of both. In an intelligence-driven mission, the Marines search to identify or contain specific targets. In clearing missions, they search for caches of weapons or explosive materials.

The Marines traveled on foot for all three operations, thoroughly searching compounds for any signs of weapons caches or possible labs of explosive materials. Although the Marines didn’t find any weapons caches, they did collect residue samples for testing and were able to contact local elders for information about suspicious activity in the area.

Beyond the three operations, the Marines regularly conduct mounted and dismounted patrols throughout the province. Their daily operations involve security and reconnaissance patrols, ambush patrols, counter improvised explosive devices patrols, clearing missions and manning combat outposts.

“We do daily disruption operations here in Helmand to ensure that B.L.S. are protected and (Coalition Forces) are able to conduct their retrograde from the country,” said Capt. Andrew D. Nicholson, company commander.

The unit keeps up a very demanding schedule, patrolling repeatedly for many days. Each day, they carry full combat loads, weighed down by other gear including PRC-117 radios, and metal detectors, and walk up to 10 kilometers on a regular basis.

“The hardest thing (we) probably deal with is the heat,” said Sgt. Douglas Smith, a section leader with the unit. “It just drains all the energy out of you. Regardless of how much water you drink, the heat gets you.”

Although the Marines load their trucks with cold water, by midday the ruthless Afghan heat brings most of the water to above room temperature. With hours still left in their patrols, the Marines do their best to spend time anywhere they can find shade as they search from one compound to another.

“(Patrolling) can be rough at times and sometimes it gets pretty annoying if you end up not finding anything,” said Smith, a Syracuse, N.Y., native. “But that feeling of pride when you come back with some great intelligence is a great feeling. That is what gets



Cpl. Lia Adkins | Regional Command Southwest

Lance Cpl. Kyle Boeck, a machine gunner with Fox Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, conducts a personnel search on local Afghan at a vehicle checkpoint in Helmand province, Afghanistan, June 28.

you through the days.”

The Marines have faced nearly 75 significant events in their two and a half months operating in Helmand province. The incidents include direct fire, and small-arms fire engagements to the discovery of improvised explosive devices. The Warlords have encountered nearly 20 IEDs so far.

Smith recalls two occasions when his platoon came under direct fire, forcing the Marines to take immediate action and engage the enemy.

“I’m not generally in charge of a squad, but that day when I was in charge, my first thought is, ‘Oh man, that was close,’ and then, ‘Where is the closest cover?,’” said Smith. “Once (we) are in cover that’s when you start thinking what you want your squad or platoon to do, and how can we (stop) this guy who is shooting at us right now.”

On a separate occasion, Smith and his Marines were caught in a firefight with no cover within 500 meters.

“We had to buddy rush ... it sucked but when rounds are impacting near you, it was the best thing (to do) at the time,” said Smith. “As soon as we’d stand up, they’d fire, and (we) just had to get back down.”

“The enemy is definitely willing to take some shots at us,” said Nicholson, a Charleston, S.C., native. “What it demonstrates is that the enemy is pretty

active here. We try to be just as active, and try to do our best with the maneuver piece.”

Fox Company has many available assets that assist them in completing their mission, including dog handlers from 2nd Law Enforcement Battalion, and explosive ordnance disposal Marines.

“The challenge is putting all the assets and enablers that you have available and making it synergized so you can conduct maneuver warfare in today’s fight,” Nicholson said.

As the Warlords continue their mission to protect B.L.S., the unit’s noncommissioned officers take care of their Marines and keep them focused on the fight.

“When we have down time we have platoon time, where we will watch a movie or even go out to eat together,” said Smith. “It’s all about having fun with them but keeping them pushing to their limit. (What we do) makes a difference. You feel it when you find an IED or you engage the enemy.”

Nicholson said his Marines continue to surprise him every day.

“(Even) as the weather gets hotter, and just as you think they are going to break because they see daily contact, they get stronger,” said Nicholson. “Their spirits remain high and they get more focused every day. They are doing a tremendous job.”

VMR-1 conducts mock mass search, rescue



Lance Cpl. Steve Acuff | 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing

Marines and sailors swim toward an HH-46E Sea Knight search and rescue helicopter during a mock search and rescue mission July 9.

Lance Cpl. Glen Santy
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. — Marine Transport Squadron 1 conducted crew resource management and emergency egress procedures training in the Neuse River as a part of annual training requirements July 9. The training covered what squadron personnel are supposed to do after exiting an aircraft in an emergency. Each aircraft took one swimmer and a group of six other Marines to exit the aircraft into the water.

Two Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point emergency services boats, two Navy boats from the MCAS Cherry Point Navy boat docks and Aquatic Survival Training Center personnel were on hand at the drop zone as observers, safety standbys and equipment facilitators.

The squadron employed an HH-46E Sea Knight search and rescue helicopter to drop personnel into the water in a maneuver called a five-and-five, where the aircraft moves at five nautical miles per hour, five feet above the water.

Once the Marines and sailors entered the water, rescue swimmers organized and directed personnel to one of two safety rafts.

While the first team of Marines and sailors clambered aboard the safety rafts, the helicopter returned to Cherry

Point to retrieve the second. The Marines and sailors rotated through six teams. Each team had one rescue swimmer to guide them through the scenario. When the third team dropped into the water, first team re-entered the water under the powerful rotor wash of Pedro’s propellers to practice live hoisting training before returning to Cherry Point.

“We don’t get to do as many swimmer operations as we would like to,” said Cpl. Kyle Smith, a search and rescue swimmer with VMR-1. “We do it more than a typical Naval operating squadron, but swimmer operations and boat operations are one of the more dangerous and most difficult things we do. So the more we do it and more proficient we are, the more we are able to assist the community and downed aviators.”

Smith was one of the primary observers during the training scenario. In the last year, Smith has personally helped double the number of rescue swimmers in the Marine Corps from three to six with one in training.

Smith said the training benefited all facets of operations. The rescue swimmers, crew chiefs, pilots and teams in the water all got the feeling of what it is like to be a part of a search and rescue endeavor. Having experience, hands-on training and being properly educated gives search and rescue personnel a solid foundation to apply to future real-world experiences.

Hammerheads to support Twentynine Palms exercise

Cpl. Scott L. Tomaszynski
2nd Marine Aircraft Wing

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION CHERRY POINT, N.C. — Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366 is scheduled to deploy to Marine Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., to support Integrated Training Exercise 5-13, from mid-July to mid-August.

Five of the squadron’s CH-53E Super Stallions and about 130 Marines and Sailors will participate alongside Marine Aircraft Group 24 based in Hawaii. HMH-366 will provide heavy lift and assault support capabilities in support of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force training event. Many participating units are preparing for subsequent deployments to Afghanistan.

HMH-366 is not preparing for Afghanistan, but the experience will benefit the squadron’s mission readiness and ability to tackle missions in a variety of expeditionary environments.

“The cross-country flight out there gives the air crews a chance to work outside of the local eastern North Carolina area that we normally work in,” said Capt. Tyler Wright, the officer in charge of the



Cpl. Scott L. Tomaszynski | 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366 is scheduled to support Integrated Training Exercise 5-13 at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., from mid-July to mid-August.

airframes shop. “It will increase our comfort level with landing in uncomfortable places. Out west, there are a lot of mountains and desert, so it gives the pilots

and aircrew a chance to fly through different terrain and practice open desert landings.”

The squadron’s involvement will give other units the opportunity to learn how heavy helicopters are best used on the battlefield.

“We’ll be supporting ground units preparing to go out on deployments to Afghanistan so it gives them an opportunity to operate in and around our aircraft,” said Wright. “It gives them a sense of what our capabilities are and how they can request our support in country to positively affect their own missions.”

Twentynine Palms is an isolated base located in the Mojave Desert. It is the Marine Corps’ primary desert warfare training center. As such, it provides a realistic, austere environment where the maintenance Marines can practice their profession.

“It will definitely prepare you for any overseas deployments or detachments that you’re going to go on,” said Cpl. Blake Allan Moore, an airframes mechanic with the squadron. “It gets you used to being out of the normal working and living conditions so you can maximize your efficiency outside of the United States.”



Reconnaissance Marines with 4th Force Reconnaissance Company secure themselves by watching in all direction during their two weeks of annual training at the Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii, Thursday. Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Hawaii Marine

4th Force Recon

conducts annual combat training at Bellows

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

MARINE CORPS TRAINING AREA BELLOWES, Hawaii — Marines with the reserve 4th Force Reconnaissance Company completed their two-week annual training at the Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii, Thursday.

The annual training is an evaluation of how efficiently the Marines will perform their duty in combat. As reserve Marines, they have limited opportunities to practice engagements in combat scenarios.

"Although we may only train like this once a year, I think everyone involved learns a lot and understands how important it is," said Cpl. Jeffrey Lee, 24, weapons custodian, 4th Force Reconnaissance Company, and a native of Hercules, Calif. "We all get to see where we are as a company and improve in areas that need work."

A major portion of the training started late at night, when three separate teams of Marines rode in small Zodiac, a small rubber boat, with hand-steered engines in front of the beach landing zone on Bellows. Before the recon Marines could land, swimmers went ahead as scouts to check for obstacles on the beach. Once landed, the Marines moved stealthily through the heavy wooded area to the objective viewing positions, to gather information and send it back to headquarters for analysis.

The Marines sent pictures and messages to headquarters while constantly staying in communication with the forward operating base. This gave a consistent data flow to every



Role-players act out scenarios for the 4th Force Reconnaissance Company Marines to use for training during two weeks of annual training at the Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii, Thursday. Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Hawaii Marine

Marine, giving them insight on the area.

Every supporting unit within the company did their job to make sure the reconnaissance Marines had everything they needed to gather appropriate intelligence, stay undetected and exit the area.

Marines back at the headquarters element recorded data from the recon Marines and decided the next course of action.

"Our goal is to stay proficient in everything we do, for me that is keeping good communication with the Marines in the field," said Cpl. Joshua Talley, 25, radio chief, 4th Force Reconnaissance Company and native of Fairfield, Calif. "If we don't do our job, the whole mission would be lost."

The information gathered from the Marines out in the field helped to tell where infantry patrols needed to be placed. Squads of Marines patrolled all over the training area looking for improvised explosive devices, enemy and anything the recon Marines reported to be a high target of interest.

Patrols entered the Military Operations in Urban Terrain Facility with role-players simulating local population in the scenario. Marines had to analyze the civilians to locate threats. Marines learned the proper steps of disarming and detaining the threats found.

After the training at Bellows Fourth Force Recon Company traveled back to Alameda Calif., where the reserve unit is stationed.



Fourth Force Reconnaissance Company Marines practice what to do when an injured Marine needs to be brought to safety after an improvised explosive device blows up during their two weeks of annual training at the Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii, Thursday. Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Hawaii Marine



Fourth Force Reconnaissance Company Marines operate Zodiac boats to begin a training exercise during their two weeks of annual training at the Marine Corps Training Area Bellows, Hawaii, Thursday. Cpl. Matthew Callahan | Hawaii Marine



Photos by Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman | Hawaii Marine

Lance Cpl. Bryan Sitka, trumpet player, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band, gives beads to the children at the summer concert series at Mololani Park, July 12.

MarForPac Band performs second summer concert at Mololani Park

Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Mololani Park was covered in lawn chairs and blankets July 12, as families and friends gathered for the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band’s Summer Concert Series. This was the second concert in the three-concert series.

“The whole show was very invigorating and family oriented,” said Anna Hipp, concert attendee. “It’s great. It brings the families together.”

The concert was open to the public. The theme for the concert was “Welcome Home.” The band played songs related to different parts of the U.S., like the east coast around North Carolina, songs from the south like Georgia, and songs from places like Alaska. The songs came from places with well-known military bases where some families now stationed in Hawaii

might have traveled from. It was a way to bring service members and their families together by showing everyone here has been through moving away from home.

“Anyone could attend and enjoy it,” said Heidi Goedecke, who attended the concert with her step-daughter. “If you like music, how could you not like the concert?”

Kids ran around laughing and playing while parents watched, smiling. Dogs lay lazily in the grass, seeming to enjoy the cool, breezy night.

The band played “Somewhere Over The Rainbow/ What a Wonderful World” and “America, the Beautiful” as well as other well-known songs. The band played mostly instrumental music but a few Marines stepped up to the microphone to sing.

The Marines threw humor into the concert. When they wanted to play a song from Alaska, the band



Heidi Goedecke dances with her dog, Lucy, at the summer series concert at Mololani Park, July 12.

played an off-key tune, stating the instruments froze because of the cold. A drum line came out, claiming the drums are the only instruments immune to freezing temperatures.

“I think there was a good connection between the audience and the band,” said Cpl. Alex Dutton, drummer, MarForPac Band. “I felt good about the fact that I can bring a mutual understanding to military families about moving.”

Near the end of the concert a few Marines came off the stage to hand out colorful beads to the children in the audience. Children ran from their parents to the stage to get their set of beads. The Marines smiled and laughed as they handed out the beads to the excited children.

The next concert in the Summer Concert Series is Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. at Mololani Park and is open to the public.

COC, from A-1

of staff.

Winand served as battalion commander for 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, from Sept. 2007 to Feb. 2009 and went on to assume the executive officer position for Headquarters Battalion, 2nd Marine Division from April 2009 until late June 2010. After attending advanced schooling, Winand served as the division chief for the Policy and Strategic Plans Division in Washington D.C. before coming to Hawaii.

“The whole transition has been seamless and Col. Nastase has treated me and my family with great hospitality during the turn over,” Winand said. “I want to thank everyone for coming. I can tell this regiment family is strong and I can’t wait to meet everyone and continue the good relationships Col. Nastase has made.”

“I’m certain that under his leadership this regiment will continue to excel past all standards the Marine Corps has set,” Nastase said.

CMC, from A-1

Amos addressed pressing issues within the organization like sexual assault, hazing and corruption.

“We have an issue Marines; we have to fix this,” Amos said. “This is the real deal, I don’t understand for one minute how a Marine can turn their back and allow another Marine to get sexually assaulted by another Marine. It’s wrong and shameful. That’s not who we are and it’s not what we do.”

Barrett leveled with the Marines, expressing his commitment to the welfare of each Marine.

3RD RADIO BN. MARINES CONDUCT TABLE 3 COURSE OF FIRE



Cpl. Matthew Callahan | Hawaii Marine

Lance Cpl. Andrea Maciag (left), a Pinconning, Mich. native and analyst with Alpha Company, 3rd Radio Battalion, sights in on pop-up targets at unknown distances with her M4A1 carbine as part of the Table 3 course of fire at the Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility, Saturday. A small detachment of intelligence Marines from the battalion is slated to go to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit later this year. “We’re conducting table 3 for our predeployment training,” said Gunnery Sgt. Todd Jones, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of the detachment. “This training helps us get back into a tactical mindset.”

“This next part actually breaks our heart. We are hyper alert, hyper aware and we are concerned about these poor life choices that a few of our Marines are making,” Barrett said. “We need every single one of you in the fight, we need every single one of you ready and we don’t have time for all this.”

Amos updated the Marines of the drawdown in Afghanistan and the imprint the Corps has made in the region.

“Success has happened, what we hoped would happen in Afghanistan,” Amos said. “All these places that we fought so hard in, we aren’t there anymore, the Afghan National Army is, and

by the way, they are hugely successful.”

The Marine Corps has taken an advise and assist role in the Middle East, training Afghan forces to take over the fight on terrorism. The advisory role is also bringing Marines home. Amos also said this time next year, the number of Marines on the ground will be significantly reduced. Readiness was a focus of the address, due to the unrest in the Middle East.

“I’m absolutely convinced of it, there’s no shortage of war,” Amos said. “My message to you today is to be ready. Don’t look at Afghanistan as an opportunity to drop your pack,

because that is not what we do. We are America’s insurance policy. We’ve got to be ready.

“I’m not going to say we are going to be ready in a month, I’m just going to send you, and you are going to go because that’s what we do for our country,” Amos added. “That is the difference between the United States Marine Corps and all the other services, that’s just who we are.”

Amos and Barrett traveled to Iwakuni and Okinawa, Japan, this week to speak to the Marines in Asia, then will continue their journey back to Washington. D.C.

Sports & Health



Water,
water
everywhere

Madison Frazier, 11, runs headlong into a bubble during the Summer Splashdown at Riseley Field, Saturday. Marine Corps Base Hawaii families engaged in numerous water activities at the event.

MCB Hawaii residents attend Summer Splashdown

Story and photos by
Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Annette Robertson brought her granddaughter Victoria to the Super Playground near Riseley Field on base Saturday morning, not knowing that more fun lay ahead.

The Wisconsin resident noticed staff and volunteers setting up nearby, and found out that she was just in time for the annual Summer Splashdown.

"The timing (was) perfect," she said. "It's really so wonderful to see so many events and so many fun games for the different ages. The event is well organized. I can't say enough how wonderful this base is and what they offer."

Robertson and her granddaughter joined approximately 300 attendees at the Child, Youth and Teen Program-sponsored event.

"There's a lot of help, a lot of fun things for kids to do," said Kathy Kim, the director of the Youth Activities Center.

Marine Corps Community Services staff members and volunteers set up various water activities along the field.

Kyle Palma, a volunteer from the Youth Activities Center, was one of a number of people helping with the event. Palma, 15, spent the prior day painting fish on a game board for one of the activities. Oahu was his inspiration for the game board.

"We needed to come up with a summer idea," he said. "It's a beautiful island with beautiful fish. I think it turned out pretty good."

Many children closed their eyes as they flew down an inflatable water slide and landed in a small pool of water. Some emerged from the tiny pool eagerly returning to the line for another turn.



Olive Marsden, 5, gives a high five to Tanisha Milca, a program technician at the Youth Activities Center, through the dunk tank, Saturday.

Children tossed softballs at a target, hoping to dunk one of the volunteers in a tank of water. Many missed their mark and instead ran up to push the button by hand, for a gratuitous dunk.

After being asked which activity she enjoyed the most, Olive Marsden thought for a moment, smiled and threw her hands up.

"I like all of them!" she said.

Some children paused from their summer fun just long enough to scarf down a free cup of ice cream. Adults were also able to visit resource tables on the quieter side of the venue, to get information

about various programs on base.

Families were able to dip special bubble making tools into tubs of soap water to create large bubbles. Henry and Madison Frazier spent a portion of their second splashdown catching bubbles. Henry said he liked being able to have fun at events like the splashdown. Madison concurred, saying she liked the fact that the children had the freedom to play at the event.

Katie Sykes and her family attended the splashdown for their third year, Saturday. She said she liked the event because it was "confined fun," which

made it easier to keep her children from wandering.

"The girls think it's a lot of fun," Sykes said.

Her daughters in particular enjoyed the water slide and playing with bubbles.

Lara Hayes, who brought her family to their third splashdown, said this year's event is smaller than the previous year, which made it less intimidating for the younger children.

"It's nice to come out and have the kids enjoy themselves on a summer's day," Hayes said.



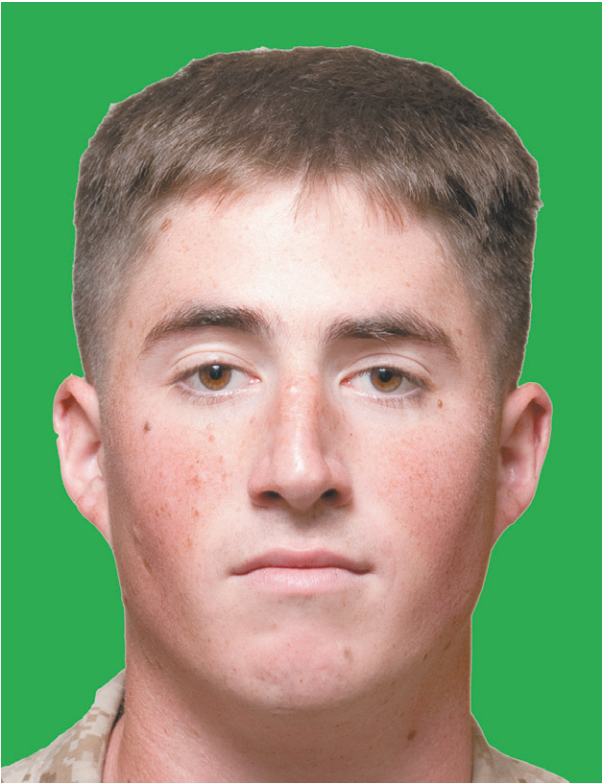
ABOVE: Natalie Hayes, 5, reaches the bottom of the water slide during the Summer Splashdown at Riseley Field, Saturday.

RIGHT: Henry Frazier, 4 (left) and his sister Madison, 11, attempt to catch bubbles during the Summer Splashdown at Riseley Field, Saturday. Marine Corps Base Hawaii families engaged in numerous water activities at the event.





CHAPMAN



CALLAHAN

Versus is a recurring column tackling debatable issues in the sports and entertainment world. Hawaii Marine readers can submit a subject for future columns by emailing their ideas to HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com. If there’s a topic you would like to discuss/defend or if you think we missed the mark, let us know and you could see your “opinion,” regardless of how wrong it is, featured below. Suit up ladies ... it’s game time.

Does modern technology make everyone a photographer?

Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman VS. Cpl. Matthew Callahan

CHAPMAN: Cameras have become so accessible in everyday life that they have lost their spark. Cameras are everywhere, in our phones, computers, iPods and numerous other devices. Cameras are sold in almost every store, and many are budgeted perfectly for the everyday person. I see pictures all over Instagram, Facebook, Pinterest of someone’s meal or their new pair of slippers and of course they have a caption like, “practicing my photography skills.” Um ... you are not a photographer just because you have a camera on your iPhone. Having an \$800 camera doesn’t make you a “National Geographic” shooter, just like owning expensive cookware doesn’t make you Rachael Ray.

CALLAHAN: Digital photography has sort of amassed into a titanic steamroller of perception and norm-shattering trends. “Traditional” photographers the world over have come to see it as the death of their craft, and that’s just fine with me. Though there is certainly a saturation of uninteresting digital media out there (cats, nails, planking, foodies), modern technology has reshaped the consumer landscape into a breeding ground of innovation and creativity. This paradigm shift has been nothing new for the past decade. More recently though, the exclusive photography front has become an all-inclusive melee of white-hot imagination, despite a lot of whining. The rapid expansion of the artistic medium is probably the best thing to happen to photography in years.

CHAPMAN: Just because some people think

modern digital “photography” is art doesn’t mean it really is. It’s not even photography. Owning a camera and taking one or two interesting shots does not constitute that you know what you are doing and that you are a photographer. Almost all of the people who are posting to these media outlets are using their Canon electro-optical system 60D on auto. A camera on auto does not need an educated person behind it; all it needs is someone smart enough to push the shutter button (I bet they didn’t know that’s what it was called). I bet none of these “photographers” know what aperture priority, shutter speed, or International Organization for Standardization film speed are. They wouldn’t even know where to start if they put the camera on manual. They are everyday people, with a camera slung around their necks, going around pushing the shutter button and calling their photos art.

CALLAHAN: There are certainly those who wield a digital single lens reflex camera and think of themselves as “totally photographers.” But taking a few steps back and opening your eyes a little wider, you can easily see those folks make up a small percentage of shooters these days. You’ll find egg-nogs in any field who claim to know what they’re doing and fail miserably to deliver. The knee-jerk reaction to publications firing their entire photo department is “blasphemy.” But the fact that literally thousands of people can document any given event through crowdsourcing and prepare photo stories may actually hold some weight in the grand scheme of

things. Instead of seeing one perspective, you get a unique twist from different people everywhere (and way more options). You argue against the individual. I’m arguing that the iron curtain is pulled back, and anyone now has the tools to easily create stunning imagery, be it with a smartphone, point-and-shoot or helmet camera. There is no limit to what sort of quirky, fascinating or jaw-dropping perspective the next Instagrammer will bring us.

CHAPMAN: Yes, some people may be lucky and achieve good photos, but that doesn’t mean they are professionals. They can use photography as a pastime; I have no issue with that, or if they take photos of family gatherings to hold onto the memories. What grinds my gears is when they call themselves “photographers” and state they know what they are doing. People work years, major in the art, and do it as a career and living. Those people are the true photographers. They are the ones behind the photos in “National Geographic,” behind the portraits of celebrities, and can turn a normal, every day person into art. When they adapt their camera to their surroundings with ISO, shutter speed, and aperture, they are controlling the environment. They are making the art that we call photography. They are the ones who deserve the title of “photographer” and the praise of others. So the person behind the iPhone snapping pictures of the mountains, you are not a photographer.

CALLAHAN: Reference my previous statement to rebut everything you just said.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS BRIEFS

Volunteers needed for 2013 Tinman Triathlon

Volunteers are needed for various tasks before, during and after the 2013 Tinman Triathlon, July 28. There are various volunteer opportunities during the triathlon, including run course marshals.

High school and college volunteers are needed for four hours at the bike/run transition corral, starting at 5:30 a.m., July 28. Volunteers are sought for manual labor, setting up July 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and breaking down July 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Approximately 10 to 15 equipment crew volunteers are needed July 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to break down the bike corral, and transport all equipment after the race. T-shirts, vests and arrows will be distributed and must be returned to a coordinator at the bike corral. Provide names, T-shirt sizes and parking passes as soon as possible. For details, call Joan Davis at 535-9070 or email jrdva4vp@hotmail.com.

Health promotion classes offered for 101 Days of Summer

During the 101 Days of Summer program there will be health promotion classes offered. The amount of points awarded to the unit will be based on percentage of unit that takes classes. Contact the Health Promotion Office to schedule unit training. Classes available include tobacco prevention, injury prevention, nutrition, chronic

disease prevention, physical fitness, alcohol and substance abuse, STD/HIV Transmission and Prevention. For more information about Unit training, call 254-7636.

Compete in Tradewind Triathlon

The Tradewind Triathlon is scheduled for Aug. 11 at 6:30 a.m. Register for the run at Semper Fit Center. For details, call 254-7590.

Compete in 101 Days of Summer field meet

The 101 Days of Summer field meet is scheduled for Aug. 16 at Riseley Field. The entry deadline is Aug. 14. Events will include volleyball, horseshoes, tire flip, 100-yard dash, tug-o-war, big trike race and joust. Points awarded to units will vary based on events entered. For more information, call 254-7636.

Compete in Shank and Slice Golf Tournament

The Shank and Slice Golf Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 23 at the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course. Participants may start checking in at 11:30 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Units can earn up to 150 points — 10 points per person; maximum 15 people, toward the 101 Days of Summer program. Participants must register by Aug. 15. For more information, call 254-7593.

MESSMEN FUEL HEADQUARTERS WITH DEFEAT 72-34

101 DAYS OF SUMMER 5-ON-5 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT KICKS OFF

Support the 101 Days
of Summer Basketball
Tournament’s unit teams:

1/12 Marines
HQ Team Fuels
Devil Dolphins
Legal Hammers
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VP-9
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MCAS
MALS Supply
Mess Hall Messmen

Upcoming games:
Monday 6:30 P.M.
Tuesday 6:30 P.M.
Thursday 6:30 P.M.
Friday 6:30 P.M.



Lance Cpl. Janelle Y. Chapman | Hawaii Marine

A Mess Hall Messmen player tries to get past two Headquarters Fuels players during a 101 Days of Summer Basketball Tournament game at the Semper Fit Center gym, July 11. The Mess Hall Messmen demolished Headquarters Fuels, 72-34. “Today was a good start,” said Keevan Woods, coach for the Mess Hall Messmen. “I’m trying to take (the team) from street ball to playing organized basketball.”

Intramural softball standings

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	TIE	TEAM	WIN	LOSS	TIE
VP-9	10	0	1	CLB-3 NO WORK	6	4	
MALS-24 BLK KNIGHTS	10	1		COULSON	7	6	
MALS-24 SUPPLY	7	2	1	MCAS DBAGS	6	6	
PMO ARMED & DANGEROUS	8	3		HQBN BASE FUELS	5	7	
HMLA-463 SCARFACE	7	3		MALS-24 ORDNANCE	4	7	
MCAS FLASH POINT	7	4		MWSD-24	3	7	
3RD RADIO BN	6	4		HMH-463 MIGHTY DUCKS	3	7	
3RD MAR REG #1	6	4		HMH-463 TROJANS	2	9	
HMH-463 PEGASUS	6	4		HQBN MO MONEY MO PROBLEMS	1	10	
3RD MAR REG #2	6	4					

As of July 10

Marines, Army rebound with wheelchair basketball

Christine Cabalo
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii — Wounded Marines and soldiers battled in a game of fast-moving wheelchair basketball at the Army base’s Martinez Physical Fitness Center, July 11.

The Army team surged to victory with a last-minute push to score, winning 32 to 29. Players who are still in service and those who are medically retired were invited to the game at the Army’s home court.

“We keep up good cooperation and communication with the Army wounded warriors,” said Gunnery Sgt. Curt Collins, an operations chief for the Wounded Warrior Battalion West – Detachment Hawaii. “They’re always welcome to compete against our guys in any event.”

Several Army players credit part of their win to having visiting player Anthony Pone on their team. Pone is a retired Army specialist and Warrior Games multi-gold medalist. He has faced the Marine Corps wheelchair basketball team in several final matches of the Warrior Games and won.

“Whenever you’re up against the Marines, you know it will be a very competitive game,” said Pone, a Philadelphia native



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Pfc. Joshua Kelly (left) and retired Army Spc. Anthony Pone race for control of the ball during a recent game of wheelchair basketball for wounded warriors. Pone’s team won the game, 32-29.

who now lives in Dallas. “We had a good game against them.”

Pone played traditional basketball before his right leg was amputated above the knee, but got into wheelchair basketball while attending the University of Texas at Arlington. He was in Hawaii for a visit before travelling to play

professional wheelchair games in Tampa, Fla. and France.

Pfc. Joshua Kelly, a Marine who injured his right foot and left ankle in 2009, said his team went into the game with Pone in their sights.

“We knew Anthony was playing and planned our defense around him,” said Kelly, a native of St. Crois Falls, Wis. “We tried to isolate him and minimize him getting shots.”

The Marines snagged an early lead of 14-10, relying on tight teamwork to pass, block and score. Just as the Army team would pick up speed and points, the Marines found a way to land another basket.

“We used a lot of the tips we’ve had from the Warrior Games and the Marine Corps Trials experience to play strong,” said Rachel Barbieto, the detachment’s Warrior Athlete Reconditioning Program manager.

The two teams would trade the lead until the game’s final minutes. With just a few points

separating them, the Army clinched key points to win.

“Our team had emotion and intensity,” Pone said. “Coming down to the wire, we relied on our key instincts.”

After the match, Kelly said his team did well but had problems locking down other shooters. Next time he’ll be focused on an entire team.

Kelly, who has competed in the Marine Corps Trials three times, said he felt pride in playing. The game was the first time his mother and grandmother seen him play.

“I’ve competed my whole life, both in the Marine Corps and outside of it,” Kelly said. “With wheelchair basketball, I’m able to compete again and it’s a is a good driving force.”

Army and Marine teams in Hawaii have duked it out in other sports including seated volleyball and outrigger canoeing. Kelly was among the Marines who challenged the Army during their 2010 visit to Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

Although Kelly never played basketball growing up, the sport is now one of several ways he stays active.

“Wheelchair basketball is a challenging sport and definitely unique,” Kelly said. “The sport is something you may have already played before, but it’s fun learning how to play it again just in a different way.”

Kelly is working to set up more games with other groups.

With future matches, Kelly said he’d like to see even more players give wheelchair basketball a shot.

“With wheelchair basketball, I’m able to compete again and it’s a good driving force.”

- Pfc. Joshua Kelly,
Wounded Warrior Battalion West - Detachment Hawaii

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER BRIEFS

See free hula performances in Kailua

The “I Love Hula” series showcases a different hula group performing each month. Most shows occur on the second Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. along Kailua Road near Macy’s. The next show is Aug. 11. For details visit <http://kailuatown.net/kailuahula.php>.

Honolulu Museum of Art hosts ArtSpree

The museum celebrates ArtSpree, Sunday starting at 10 a.m. ArtSpree is an annual one-day arts festival at historic Spalding House in Honolulu. See free musical performances, aerial acrobatics, make your own instruments and enjoy kid-friendly food. The museum will also host its free Family Sunday event at its Beretania Street location on the same day. Shuttles will run from Spalding House and the museum. Visitor parking available at Punahou School. For more information, call 532-8700.

Register for Operation HOOAH! Joint Spouses’ Conference 2013

Registration for for Operation HOOAH! will be available Aug. 12, 7 p.m. at <http://www.jschawaii.com> The Joint Spouses’ Conference will be hosted at Schofield Barracks Saturday, Oct. 5.

The Joint Spouses’ Conference is designed to enrich, enlighten and empower attendees in their roles as spouses, parents, professionals and community leaders. This year’s JSC offers a wide variety of workshops and adventure-driven activities, a guest speaker, information expo, food, and a wrap-up party.

Some workshops include a hands-on Thai cooking experience, stand up paddling, ocean kayaking and water war on an IMAT.

Attendees must be pre-registered to attend the conference, and spots fill up quickly. Find the Joint Spouses’ Conference 2013 Facebook page for frequent updates on new workshops and conference details.

Kokua Hawaii Foundation seeks volunteers

Kokua Hawaii Foundation is currently recruiting volunteers to join its AINA In Schools (Actively Integrating Nutrition and Agriculture In Schools) docent teams for our partnering schools for the 2013-2014 school year.

The opportunity is a school year-long commitment. The intent of the program is to connect children to their land, waters and food to grow a healthier future for Hawaii.

No experience is necessary. The foundation will train volunteers to teach nutrition lessons for grades 2 and 6, or garden lessons for kindergarten and grades 1, 3, 4 or 5. Docent teams will teach these hands-on, cross curricular, standards-based lessons one day a month. Interested volunteers must be able to attend

the first of four quarterly trainings in August and September for the component they are interested in (Gardens or Nutrition) and commit to a docent team from August 2013 to May 2014. For details, email volunteer@kokuahawaiifoundation.org.

Art gallery hosting “On Paper II” exhibit

Andrew Rose Gallery is hosting an exhibit called “On Paper II,” is scheduled through Sept. 27. The exhibit presents paintings, drawings and prints on paper by gallery and invited artists. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. Parking is left at Alakea Street before Hotel Street. For more information, contact the gallery at press@andrewrosegallery.com or 599-4400.

Celebrate Amelia Earhart’s 116th birthday

The Pacific Aviation Museum is honoring Amelia Earhart with several birthday festivities Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free admission for families with at least one family member dressed as Earhart. Those in costume have a chance at winning one of three top prizes and goodie bags. Parking is available at the Pearl Harbor Visitor Center. No purses or bags allowed on the shuttle. For inquiries, call 441-1004 or visit <http://www.pacificaviationmuseum.org>.

Blue Star Museums offering free admission

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Blue Star Musuems offers free admission to more than 1,800 museums. The offer is extended to active duty military, including Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, and Reservists with up to five family members. Go to <http://www.arts.gov> for more information.

Hawaii Theatre Center hosting auditions for student theater acting, apprenticeship programs

The Hawaii Theatre Center will hold auditions Aug. 12 for its 2013-2014 Hawaii Theatre Young Actors Ensemble, an acting program for high-school students. The Theatre also is scheduling interviews for the Technical Theatre Apprenticeship program (for teens ages 13 to 18). The audition and apprentice interview schedule Monday, Aug. 12 onstage at the Hawaii Theatre.

The Hawaii Theatre Young Actors Ensemble auditions for ages 13 to 18 are from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Apprentice interviews for ages 13 to 18 are from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Register by Aug. 9. The programs are open to all Oahu students, and no experience is necessary. For information or to register for auditions and interviews, call 791-1397 or email eden-leemurray@hawaiitheatre.com.

Veterans Entrepreneurship Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Veterans Entrepreneurship Program through midnight Oct. 1. The VEP is an intense, eight-day training program at Oklahoma State University, which will cover topical modules comprising the critical areas of success for new and early stage ventures. These eight days are preceded by a five-week self-study component and are then followed by a 10-month period of mentorship and online peer-to-peer networking. Applications are online at <http://entrepreneurship.okstate.edu/vep>. Contact Riata Center for Entrepreneurship at 405-744-7552, or email vep@okstate.edu for more details.

Register for August AFCEA luncheon

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 13 at the Hale Ikena Club, Fort Shafter. Check-in starts at 11 a.m. and the buffet will be available at 11:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Rear Adm. Frank Ponds of Navy Region Hawaii. There is a fee for AFCEA and non-AFCEA members. For more information, visit <http://www.afceahawaii.org> or contact: Barry Fong, barry.fong@twtelecom.com or 441-8565. The point of contact for registration is Ken Wiecking at ken.wiecking@twtelecom.com or call him at 441-8524.

Environmental events and training schedule now available online

The Environmental Compliance and Protection Department events and training schedule for environmental-related courses offered at MCB Hawaii is now on the MCB Hawaii public website. For details, call Michele Chang at 257-9974.

MARINE MAKEPONO
Means ‘Marine Bargains’ in Hawaiian

Kaneohe studio apartment for rent. Large deck with ocean view of Chinaman’s Hat and Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Includes custom bathroom with hot tub/shower, covered parking, refrigerator and sink with disposal. No smoking or barbecuing. \$1,300. Call 239-5459 for more information.

If you would like to sell, buy or trade something in the Marine Makepono section of the Hawaii Marine, fill out a form at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs Office in building 216, room 19. Please have your military ID and a short write-up of what you’d like to run. You can fill out the form on the spot or return it to the office later. Emails, faxes and telephone calls are not accepted for Makepono classified ads. Marine Makepono may only be used by active duty, reserve, retirees or their immediate families.

Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

K-BAY PADDLE BATTLE



Photos by Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Members of Na Koa Lani Outrigger Canoe Club and Keola O Ke Kai Canoe Club race in the John D. Kaupiko Regatta in Kaneohe Bay, Sunday. Na Koa Lani OCC is currently awaiting official membership in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, which is required to enter the regatta, so Na Koa Lani paddlers entered as part of local club Keola O Ke Kai.

MCB Hawaii, local canoe club co-host canoe regatta

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii — Tents lined the shoreline alongside Hangar 101 as members of Marine Corps Base Hawaii and local residents competed in the annual John D. Kaupiko Regatta, hosted by the base's canoe club, Na Koa Lani Outrigger Canoe Club, and Honolulu-based Hui Nalu Canoe Club, Sunday.

More than a dozen canoe clubs from around Oahu competed in more than 40 divisions, paddling through Kaneohe Bay for first place. Each race's distance ranged from one-fourth of a mile to a mile and a half.

"It's one of the best venues on the island," said Hank Leandro, co-head coach of Kailua Canoe Club. "We appreciate (the fact that) we can race out here (with a) level playing field (and) no adverse conditions."

Leandro, whose club earned several first place wins Sunday, encouraged service members to get involved in paddling, and by doing so, participate in Hawaiian culture.

Na Koa Lani OCC is currently awaiting official membership in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, which was required to enter this regatta, so Na Koa Lani paddlers entered as part of local club Keola O Ke Kai.

Na Koa Lani paddlers, like Kailua resident Sara Quitt, also took the opportunity to recruit members while attending the regatta.

Quitt competed in the Women's Novice A division for Keola O Ke Kai. A member of Na Koa Lani OCC, Quitt remarked the day had "reasonable conditions, a little bit breezy," and she was excited to compete for a second year.

Quitt trained six days a week for the regatta, and made sure one day prior to the race to have a good meal and a good night's sleep, with plenty of hydration and protein.

Teammates cheered each other on as the crews dug deep into the water with their canoe paddles, in synchronized rhythm. Upon returning, team members held their arms over their teammates, creating a makeshift tunnel for them to walk through, presenting them with leis and congratulating them.

Petty Officer 1st Class Ron Lilley, an aviation structural mechanic safety equipmentman with Patrol Squadron 9, returned to shore after the race, splashing back to the sand, paddle in hand and a smile on his face. Lilley competed in the 11th race, the Men's Novice B division, with Kailua Canoe Club. The club came in second place for the Men's Novice B division, with a time of 1 minute, 46.65.

"We really came together as a team," Lilley said. "We were on point, and we kept it the whole way, gave it all we got."

Lilley, of Fountain Valley, Calif., said he joined a canoe club to encourage the preservation of local culture and also for the camaraderie. Though canoe paddling practice is time consuming and demanding, Lilley enjoys the sport, even in competition. "If we're not having fun, it's not worth it,"

he said.

The regatta was named after Lukela "John D" Kaupiko, who coached Hui Nalu Canoe Club for nearly 30 years until his death in 1962. The Kaupiko Regatta is just one of numerous races hosted by canoe clubs in OHCRA. The OHCRA Championship is scheduled this coming Sunday at Keehi Lagoon in Honolulu. For more information, visit <http://www.ohcra.com>.



Alanis Pebenito, a member of Keola O Ke Kai Canoe Club, comes ashore after competing in her division during the John D. Kaupiko Regatta, Sunday. Her teammates touched hands to form a victory "tunnel" through which the competitors walk after the race.



Na Koa Lani Outrigger Canoe Club members Sandy Facundo (left) and Ami Welch wait for their race to start during the John D. Kaupiko Regatta, Sunday. Na Koa Lani OCC is currently awaiting official membership in the Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association, which was required to enter this regatta, so Na Koa Lani paddlers entered as part of local club Keola O Ke Kai.



Navy Lt. Ian Rummel, a pilot with Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing 2 and regatta competitor, prepares to board the canoe for the Men's Senior division at the John D. Kaupiko Regatta, Sunday.

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REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

Welcome to the Pass In Review, your No. 1 source for cinema, music, video game, book and product reviews. The Pass In Review crew consists of more than 10 critics, each with their own idea of what makes a movie, album, game, product or book great. So be sure to take advantage of the Better Know A Critic section, which spotlights this week’s critics to better help you choose the critic with opinions most like your own. Using our breakthrough four-point scale system, you can quickly decipher what is worth your time and what isn’t, or read the full review for an in-depth analysis and explanation of the rating. The rating system uses ammunition and range terminology, so if you’re not familiar, here’s a quick breakdown of the ratings ...

- 1/4 — No Impact, No Idea

Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.
- 2/4 — High And To The Right

Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if there’s nothing better to do.
- 3/4 — On Target

Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.
- 4/4 — Confirmed Kill

Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.

So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, the Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm, feel free to submit your own reviews.

Better Know A Critic



KNOTTS

Lance Cpl. Suzanna Knotts loves a variety of movies, as long as the characters are well developed and the storyline is intriguing. If a movie is like a good book, she will mostly likely be hooked. However, slapstick comedy, bombs and blood are among her repertoire as well. It really just depends on her mood.

‘Pacific Rim’

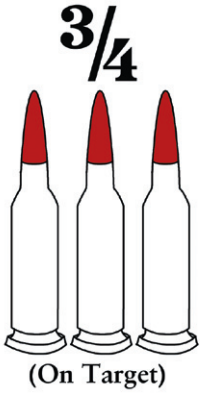
: action-packed mash up

Lance Cpl. Suzanna Knotts
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I hate to admit I had no clue what “Pacific Rim” was about before I saw it. I didn’t watch the trailer, and I didn’t hear from anyone what it was about. All I knew was Charlie Hunnam, who plays Jackson ‘Jax’ Teller on “Sons of Anarchy,” was a main character in the film. That was a good enough reason for me to see the movie, and thankfully, I was pleasantly surprised. Director Guillermo del Toro (“Hellboy”) weaved together a science fiction mash-up with “Pacific Rim,” collectively mixing aliens, robots and the apocalypse, without making it feel like it was too diverse or didn’t make sense. The result is a refreshing, intense end-of-the-world ride, and I say refreshing because there was no zombies or epidemic. However, amidst the explosions, battles and end of world destruction, there’s an unexpected deeper meaning to this robotic thriller. In order for mankind to be saved, the obliteration of the Pacific Ocean aliens depends on strong human connections. Let me explain.

In the near future, a fissure in the sea floor of the Pacific Ocean harbors a portal to another dimension, in which there are “Kaiju,” sea monster-like aliens who are hell bent on killing humans and taking over Earth. They are “Godzilla” huge, and destroy coastal cities like San Francisco. The human answer to kill these beasts is “Jaegers,” Transformer-like robots controlled by two human pilots. Here is where the proverbial plot thickens. In order for the robot to function to its upmost capabilities, the pilots must have a high mind connection, due to the fact that their minds are bonded simultaneously to control their machine. They share all mental and physical traits — memories, pain and worries. The mental link is known as “The Drift.” Dual pilots are needed because a single pilot couldn’t handle the mental strain it takes to operate the robot. The fate of the world ultimately rests on the abilities of a washed up pilot, Raleigh Becket (Charlie Hunnam) and a rookie, Mako Mori (Rinko Kikuchi, “47 Ronin”). The odds seem stacked against them, but their super strong “drift” bond is apparent from

the very beginning, and their capability to save the world seems promising. If I continue with the plot, this review will turn into a spoiler, which is not my intention. My only complaint with the movie was the middle seemed to drag on, since the pace slowed down. Otherwise, it was well cast with a splash of comic relief from Dr. Newton Geiszler (Charlie Day, “Always Sunny in Philadelphia”). His wisecracks cheer up the “end of days” setting, and his discovery with his fellow scientist counterpart, Dr. Gottlieb (Burn Gorman, “The Dark Knight Rises”), help to free the monsters’ grip on humankind. If you are a science fiction, alien, robot, apocalypse, or action fan, “Pacific Rim” will satisfy a variety of movie tastes. I rate it a summer blockbuster must see.



Times

Movie

“Monsters University” G

Today | 7:15 p.m.

“This Is the End” R

Today | 9:45 p.m.

“Man of Steel (in 3D)” PG-13

Saturday | 7:15 p.m.

“After Earth” PG-13

Saturday | 9:45 p.m.

“Monsters University” G

Sunday | 2 p.m.

“The Internship” PG-13

Sunday | 6:30 p.m.

“Man of Steel (in 3D)” PG-13

Wednesday 6:30 | p.m.

Prices: All shows are \$3.25 for adults and \$2.25 for children. For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.



Local festival showcases Korean herritage, traditions

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HONOLULU — The 12th annual Korean Festival was held last weekend at Kapiolani Park in the Waikiki neighborhood. The festival featured cultural food, dances, games and music for visitors to enjoy.

The event is one of the largest cultural festivals on the island of Oahu, with an attendance of nearly 40,000 people. It was free and open to the public.

“I think the ultimate purpose of the Korean festival is to bring together the community and share in the celebration of everything that is Korean,” said Christine Kim, president of the Hawaii Korean Chamber of Commerce. “Share our culture, share our language, share our music so we don’t forget some of our roots, our heritage and promote communion, good relationships and as a chamber we want to promote business.”

The festival was brought about as a celebration of Korean immigration to Hawaii as early as 1903. The festival continued to become an annual event.

The festival is a celebration of the sacrifices the Korean immigrants made in the 20th century who paved the way for their families to live in Hawaii, Kim said.

The kim chee eating contest was a hit, as well as the Korean cooking lessons. The audience was able to sample Korean cuisine throughout the weekend.

“The food is very different, it’s very spicy, our trademark is kim chee, which is fermented cabbage. I would think that kind of marks the personality of most Koreans as well,” Kim said. “They’re spicy, they’re courageous as well. They’re hard working and they’re perseverant, and like kim chee, they’re strong.

Grace Ogawa, volunteer coordinator for the event, enjoyed the festival, even with the challenges of a language barrier.

“We like to help the Korean community as much we can,” Ogawa said. “It’s tough, a lot of people speak Korean, I don’t speak Korean. For me to converse is difficult, I have a translator but its a bit challenging.”

Music was a large part of the event as well. Cultural music, both traditional and modern, were performed by multiple groups.

“Korean music is very rich, it’s a lot of drum beating sounds,” Kim said. “Lots of drums, lots of folk singing that’s a big traditional character. Visually its also very entertaining.”

The festival not only hosted traditional Korean dancers, but also embraced Tahitian dancing, to also celebrate Hawaiian culture.

To end the festival on a high note, popular Korean artist Kim Tae Woo made a special guest appearance Saturday night for a free concert.



LEFT: Traditional Korean dancers perform in front of hundreds during the 12th Annual Korean Festival at Kapiolani Park held Saturday and Sunday. The festival featured activities and shows involving Korean cuisine, cultural dancing and popular Korean music.

ABOVE: A traditional Korean drum dancer reads about Korea while she waits for her time to perform at the festival in Honolulu, Saturday.

Keeping Hawaii beautiful

Lance Cpl. Suzanna Knotts
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HONOLULU — Marines and sailors with the Single Marine and Sailor Program volunteered their time Saturday to keep the island’s lush habitat and internationally-known beaches clean and healthy.

The volunteers teamed up with members of the Surfrider Foundation and other organizations to clean Sandy Beach in Honolulu. The group collected more than 400 pounds of debris.

Cpl. Diego Rancon, a radar work center supervisor with Marine Corps Air Station and native of Elko, Nev., said he chose to attend the event because it is a good thing to do for the environment.

“I get to spend the day in the sun,” Rancon added. “And I get to see all the nice beaches while I’m here on Oahu. This is my fourth (beach cleaning) event, and I can always see the difference on how clean one beach is compared to the others. Today alone we picked up about 320 cigarette butts. The next time we come out we’ll only

improve the beach’s condition.”

The group donned matching T-shirts and latex gloves, searching the beach and surrounding area for trash and other man-made materials polluting the environment.

“Since I visit Oahu’s beaches so often, I feel like I should volunteer to help clean them,” said Cpl. David Cox, a communication technician with MCAS and native of Forest Hill, Calif. “I have cleaned other beaches like Diamond Head, where we collected about 300 pounds of trash. It feels good at the end of the day to see the difference when we stacked up all the trash we collected.”

Rancon said volunteering to clean up Oahu’s beaches has other added benefits, like changing how the community views the military.

“It lets everyone know that we aren’t out here just doing military training,” Rancon said. “We are also here to help with community issues. I think us cleaning up the beaches has a very positive impact on how the locals interpret what we do here on the island.”



Cpl. Diego Rancon, a radar work center supervisor with Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, said they collected about 320 cigarette butts from Sandy Beach in Honolulu after volunteers teamed up to clean the beach, Saturday.

The positive impact Marines can have on the community makes important differences, Cox said.

“They need to know that we are here to help by cleaning up,” Cox said. “We

take the time to help even though most of us aren’t from here. We do it out of respect for being here, and as a thanks for supporting us. More Marines should come out because it’s a good volunteer event. We get to spend time on the beach and it’s only two hours out of your day to make a difference.”



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ABOVE: The volunteers donned matching T-shirts and latex gloves, searching the beach and surrounding area for trash and other man-made materials polluting the environment.

LEFT: Volunteers walk along Sandy Beach in Honolulu, collecting trash, Saturday.